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LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:3
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INCLUSION OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT CURRICULUM IN TEXT BOOKS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to incorporate information on Tsunami in the text books on disaster management curriculum in CBSE course, particularly in class X and also at University level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the course curriculum has been drafted in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by when such course is likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERREn TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (E) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.3 ASKED BY SHRI PRABODH PANDA AND SHRI SUGRIB SINGH REGARDING `INCLUSION OF DISASTER MA1~AGEMENT CURRICULUM IN TEXT BOOKS`.

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) had introduced Disaster Management as a part of the curriculum in Social Science in the year 2003-2004 in Class VIII and subsequently in Class IX during the year 2004-05. CBSE will introduce a Disaster Management course in Class X in the academic year 2005-2006. In the course on Disaster Management a module entitled `Tsunami - the killer sea waves` has been included. At University level, University Grants Commission (UGC) has constituted a Committee to prepare a certificate course curriculum on Disaster Management.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The course curriculum has been drafted in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The course content consists of the following inputs:

(i) Basic information with regard to natural and manmade disasters

(ii) Disaster Awareness

(iii) Disaster Prevention

(iv) Disaster Mitigation

(v) Disaster Management plans for school and community

(e): The course will be introduced in Class X from AprH, 2005.